

the several counties through which each road passes, in proportion to the distance said road passes through such counties. Expense of locating the road shall be paid.

SEC. 35. A copy of the plat of each road, after location, shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of each organized county, through which said road may pass. Filing of plats of roads.

SEC. 36. This act shall be in force from and after its passage. Act shall take effect.

J. S. NORRIS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. P. MURRAY,

*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-seventh one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSEL,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*

## CHAPTER XIV.

### *A Bill to provide for taking a Census of the Population of the Territory.*

- SECTION 1. Requiring the sheriffs of counties to take the census.
2. Of the appointment of deputies.
  3. Oath required of the sheriffs, their deputies or assistants.
  4. Deputies and their assistants shall make their returns to the sheriffs.
  5. Liabilities for not making returns agreeably to the provisions of this act.
  6. How the enumeration shall be made.
  7. When returns shall be made to the sheriffs.
  8. When the sheriffs shall prepare duplicate copies of the returns.
  9. Of the compensation for taking the census.
  10. The secretary of the territory shall provide blank forms.
  11. How sheriffs shall make their returns.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:*

SEC. 1. That the sheriffs of the several counties of this Territory are hereby authorized and required to cause the number of the inhabitants of their respective counties, and the county or counties thereunto attached for judicial purposes to be taken, omitting in their enumeration Indians, not citizens, and the officers and soldiers of the United States army. Sheriffs to take the census.

SEC. 2. That the sheriffs aforesaid shall have power to appoint as many deputies or assistants, to aid them in taking said census, as they may deem necessary, assigning to each deputy or assistant such division Appointment of deputies.

of his county, or the county or counties thereunto attached for judicial purposes, as he may deem proper; said districts to be accurately defined, either by congressional township lines, water courses, public roads or other marks and bounds which can be well understood.

Oath required.

SEC. 3. The sheriffs, their deputies or assistants, shall respectively take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before some judge or justice of the peace, resident within their respective counties, previous to entering upon the discharge of the duties imposed by this act, that they will well and truly cause to be made a just and perfect enumeration of all the persons resident within the county or counties comprising their district, or within their division, as the case may be, and a true return thereof make in pursuance of the provisions of this act according to the best of their abilities.

Returns made to the sheriff.

SEC. 4. Every deputy to whom shall be assigned any division or district, shall return to the sheriff by whom the said division was assigned, a just and perfect enumeration of the inhabitants thereof, in such form as shall be prescribed as hereinafter provided, which returns shall be made to the sheriffs aforesaid, at least ten days before the period fixed by this act for said sheriffs to transmit their returns to the secretary of the Territory.

Liabilities for not making returns.

SEC. 5. Every sheriff, deputy or assistant, failing to make returns agreeably to the provisions of this act, or who shall make a false return of the enumeration of his county or district, shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred dollars, to be recovered in the name and for the use of the Territory, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

How the enumeration shall be made.

SEC. 6. The said enumeration shall be made by an actual inquiry of the head of every family in their respective counties or districts, and shall commence by the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five; and said enumeration shall be completed and closed within thirty days thereafter; and said enumeration shall include only those whose place of residence shall be in said counties or districts at the time of making said enumeration.

Returns made to the sheriffs.

SEC. 7. Each assistant shall make out and deliver to the sheriff by whom he was appointed, on or before the fifteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, a true and accurate copy, verified by the oath or affirmation of such assistant, of the enumeration of all persons within their respective districts, Indians and persons belonging to the army excepted, which enumeration shall be set forth in a schedule, designating boundaries of the district, and shall embrace the several families by the name of the head thereof, and the number of persons comprised in each family, and the name of each single person not embraced in any family.

Shall prepare duplicate copies of the returns.

SEC. 8. The sheriffs of the several organized counties of the Territory shall, on or before the fifteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, prepare duplicate copies of the enumeration of the inhabitants of their respective counties and the counties thereunto attached for judicial purposes, taken as provided by this act, one of which copies shall be immediately forwarded by mail, or some other safe conveyance, directed to the Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota, at St. Paul, in said Territory, and the other copy shall be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, to be by him recorded in his office and preserved on file, subject to the inspection of all persons concerned.

Compensation for taking the census.

SEC. 9. The sheriffs of the several counties shall receive from their proper county, as compensation for the duties herein required, two cents for each and every person enumerated in all the counties where the population exceeds three thousand; in counties with a population of two thousand and under three thousand, three cents for each and every person

enumerated; in counties containing a population of one thousand and under two thousand, four cents for each person enumerated; and in all counties with a population not exceeding one thousand, five cents for each and every person enumerated in such county.

SEC. 10. The secretary of the Territory is hereby authorized to cause to be prepared and transmitted to the register of deeds of each county on or before the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, for the use of the several sheriffs of the organized counties of this Territory, a sufficient number of blank forms, for the use of said sheriffs and their assistants, in making the enumeration as herein provided, which form shall be substantially as follows, viz: shall provide blank forms.

*Schedule of the enumeration of the inhabitants of a district of the county of -----, comprised within the boundaries herein set forth:*

Boundaries of the District	County.	By whom enumerated.	Date of enumerat'n.	Head of families.	No. of males.	No. of females.	Total.
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Total in District,

SEC. 11. The several sheriffs in making out the enumeration of their several counties, and the counties thereunto attached for judicial purposes, as provided in section ten of this act, shall copy the returns of each of his assistants into his general return, describing the boundaries of each district as returned, together with the names of the persons taking the enumeration; and in addition to the compensation allowed for making the enumeration contemplated by this act, the several sheriffs shall receive five dollars each for making out the duplicates of the enumeration of his proper county and the counties thereunto attached for judicial purposes, and disposing of the same as required by this act; *Provided*, That the correctness of each of said duplicates shall be verified by the oath or affirmation of the several sheriffs making the same; which oath or affirmation, taken before any person duly qualified to administer oaths, shall be attached to and form a part of said duplicates. Sheriffs shall make their returns.

J. S. NORRIS  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
 W. P. MURRAY,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.  
 W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,  
*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*